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**From:** McGrath, Shaun  
**Sent:** Mon 8/10/2015 8:48:35 PM  
**Subject:** Fwd: Draft language Re: Reopening of the Rivers

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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Purchia, Liz" <Purchia.Liz@epa.gov>  
**Date:** August 10, 2015 at 2:45:49 PM MDT  
**To:** "McGrath, Shaun" <McGrath.Shaun@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** FW: Draft language Re: Reopening of the Rivers

"Many have asked when access to the Animas and San Juan Rivers will be restored for such activities and uses as rafting, fishing, irrigation, and drinking water intake. EPA, tribal, state and local officials are coordinating these decisions based on risk screening levels, sampling data, and other related factors. We do not anticipate any reopening decisions until at least August 17. The timing of these decisions could vary among local, state and tribal governments based on local conditions and by uses. **And they will also vary by river segment, since the impacts to the river system depends on their distance from the source of the contamination at the mine.** Until notified otherwise, people should continue to abide by existing closures."

**From:** Stanislaus, Mathy  
**Sent:** Monday, August 10, 2015 4:26 PM  
**To:** Curry, Ron; McGrath, Shaun  
**Cc:** Purchia, Liz; Blumenfeld, Jared; Rupp, Mark; Fritz, Matthew; Reynolds, Thomas; Card, Joan; Breen, Barry; Natarajan, Nitin; Cheatham, Reggie  
**Subject:** RE: Draft language Re: Reopening of the Rivers

We're good with Ron's suggestion

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**From:** Curry, Ron  
**Sent:** 8/10/2015 3:58 PM  
**To:** McGrath, Shaun  
**Cc:** Purchia, Liz; Blumenfeld, Jared; Stanislaus, Mathy; Rupp, Mark; Fritz, Matthew; Reynolds, Thomas; Card, Joan  
**Subject:** Re: Draft language Re: Reopening of the Rivers

I would suggest the 17th

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> On Aug 10, 2015, at 2:35 PM, McGrath, Shaun <[McGrath.Shaun@epa.gov](mailto:McGrath.Shaun@epa.gov)> wrote:  
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> Below is draft language that we would like to share with local, state, tribal officials on the 2:00 MST call, and ultimately with the media on the 3:00 MST call.  
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> Please provide edits ASAP. (NOTE: it is also being vetted through the JIC and I am coordinating with them. We have agreement with our state and local officials here.)  
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